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SUBJ: CANADIAN-ROMANIAN JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. AT SEPT 2 POLADS, UK REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNED ONLY ONE DELCARATION OF PRINCIPLES WITH A WARSAW PACT COUNTRY, I.E. POLAND. IN THE PAST, HMG HAD BEEN SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, BUT NOW THOUGHT THEY COULD PLAY A USEFUL BILATERAL ROLE IN REINFORCING SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF CSCE. WHILE THE UK DOES NOT PLAN TO SEEK JOINT DECLARATIONS, IN APPROPRIATE CASES IT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SIGN SUCH DOCUMENTS.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT CONSIDER DECLARATIONS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE THEY MIGHT COMPLICATE AND UNDERMINE THE RESULTS OF CSCE. GIVING CERTAIN CSCE PRINCIPLES PROMINENCE BY INCLUDING THEM IN JOINT DECLARATIONS COULD WEAKEN THE WEST'S POSITION THAT ALL CSCE ELEMENTS ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.

3. TURKISH REP (ERALP) REPORTED HIS COUNTRY HAD RECENTLY SIGNED A DECLARATION WITH ROMANIA, AND HAD CONCLUDED SUCH A CONFIDENTIAL

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DOCUMENT WITH THE USSR IN APRIL 1972. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID HIS COUNTRY HAD SIGNED A JOINT DECLARATION WITH ROMANIA IN 1973, SEEING THIS AT THE TIME AS A LOGICAL PART OF OSTPOLITIK. BONN, HOWEVER, NOW SHARES THE DUTCH VIEW ABOUT POSSIBLY WEAKENING CSCE

THROUGH JOINT DECLARATIONS. PERSONALLY, THE FRG REP THOUGHT DECLARATIONS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES MIGHT AVOID DETAILED MENTION OF CSCE PRINCIPLES, AND SIMPLY STATE THAT THE TWO SIDES SUPPORT THE RESULTS OF CSCE.

4. US REP DREW ON REF B TO OUTLINE US VIEWS.

5. CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) THANKED ALLIES FOR THEIR REPORTS AND NOTED THAT OTTAWA HAS A "LONG STANDING ALLERGY" TO JOINT DECLARATIONS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. TO CHANGE THIS POSITION WOULD REQUIRE A BASIC POLICY DECISION, AND SUCH A DECISION WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ALLIED VIEWS. BRUCE

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